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SUBJECT: MOBUTU WISHES TO REASSURE SOUTH AFRICANS

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU TOLD EX-FOREIGN MINISTER BOMBOKO (NOW MOBUTU'S PRIME LIAISON WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS) THAT ELEMENTS OF ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN'S SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECENT ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT DID NOT REFLECT GOZ POLICY. HE INSTRUCTED BOMBOKO TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SAG. BOMBOKO THEN ASKED LARRY DEVLIN, LOCAL TEMPLESMAN REP IF HE COULD GET MESSAGE TO PRETORIA--AND DEVLIN CAME TO US.

2. BEGIN MOBUTU MESSAGE TO SAG: AMBASSADOR UMBA DI LUTETE'S SPEECH AT THE UN, WHERE HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION, DOES NOT REPRESENT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. ZAIRE'S POLICY REMAINS THAT WHICH IT PRONOUNCED IN KAMPALA WHEN IT ARGUED AGAINST EXPULSION OF A MEMBER STATE.

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UMBA WAS TOLD TO SUPPORT ZAMBIA AND TAKE A POSITION AGAINST ANY

THREAT TO ZAMBIA. THE REST HE DEVELOPED ON HIS OWN AND HE HAS
BEEN REBUKED. END MESSAGE.

3. COMMENT: WE DID NOT PROMISE DEVLIN WE WOULD RELAY MESSAGE;
IN FACT WE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE OTHER WAYS BOMBOKO COULD
GET MESSAGE TO PRETORIA. WE LEAVE IT TO DEPARTMENT TO DECIDE
WHETHER MESSAGE SHOULD BE PASSED TO PRETORIA. WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED OF DECISION.
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